have augmented the number of Second Class unreserved coaches in many long distance Mail/Express trains on traffic justification and feasibility. Under the exiting system, it is not possible to provide sitting accommodation in Sleeper Class for day journey.

रेलवे परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु विश्व बैंक से ऋण

4016. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:

श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में विश्व बैंक से भारतीय रेलवे की पूंजी प्रधान परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु ऋण देने का अनुरोध किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जिन परियोजनाओं के लिये ऋण का अनुरोध किया गया है, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा कितनी राशि का ऋण मांगा गया है;

(ग) क्या इन परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु देश में धनराशि उपलब्ध नहीं थी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) विश्व बैंक से ऋण प्राप्त करने के लिये क्या शर्तें हैं; और

(च) विश्व बैंक ऋण से संबंधित औपचारिकताओं को कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है और इन परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन कब तक शुरू हो जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Ticketless Travelling on the Nagpur Bhusaval Sector

4017. SHRI TULASIDAS MAJJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of trains stopping and ticketless travelling occurred on the Nagpur Bhusaval sector during the last three year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to curb this menace?;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) During the last three years there were 5558 instances of train stopping due to alarm chain pulling and 1688 persons were detected travelling without tickets.

(b) Various steps have been taken by the Railways to curb unauthorised alarm chain pulling and ticketless travel. These inculde regular, surprise/magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media, providing deterrent penalties in the Railways Act and blanking off of alaram chain apparatus on badly affected trains.

Inconvenience to Commuters for Reservations

4018. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commuters are being inconvcienced/harassed because of inordinate time being taken in making rail reservations particularly during peak season;

(b) if so, whether steps are being taken to open more reservation counters at major stations to reduce the waiting time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The waiting time for seeking reservations does increase during the peak season at important stations.

(b) and (c) Additional reservation counters are opened from time to time at important stations whenever considered necessary to facilitate the commuters in getting reservations without waiting for long period.

Assistance from Japan for expanding rail way services

4019. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered assistance to India for expanding railway services and to bring improvement therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the suggestions and